Identification of Excess Railway Land in Hyderabad

4104. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether South Central Railways identified excess land in Hyderabad and Secunderabad for development;

(b) whether Commercial exploitation of this land will be allowed by S. C. Railways; and

(c) if so, the details of plans by South Central Railways?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Requirements of H. P. Engines

4105. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether recent imports by Railways has effectively derailed indigenous efforts to meet requirements of high H. P. engines;

(b) whether any study has been made on the effect of imports on various public sector units connected with Railways;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps being taken to encourage indigenous manufacture?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. However the import of these locomotives has no effect on the indigenous manufacture of electric locomotives as the indigenous capacity continues to be fully utilised. These imports are primarily meant for upgrading technology and would, in due course, be of help to public sector units connected with the Railways.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) In addition to manufacturing conventional locomotives, the public sector units will be encouraged to participate in technology transfer of H. H. P., 3 phase locomotives.

Encroachment of Railway Land

4106. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received complaints of encroachment of railway lands at major railway stations;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by Government so far with results?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) There are 1,85,144 encroachments on Indian Railways. For removal of encroachments, action under the Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorised Occupants) Act, 1971 is being taken. This is a continuous process. During the last three years, 26,316 encroachments have been removed as a result of action taken by the Railways.

Computerising Rail Reservation Facilities in Punjab

4107. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) The details of computerised rail reservation facilities available at railway stations in Punjab at present; and

(b) Whether Government propose to introduce this system at some more railway stations in near future, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) The facility of computerised reservations has been provided at Amritsar, Ludhiana and Chandigarh stations.

(b) It is proposed to introduce this facility at Jalandhar railway station.

Extension of Railway line upto Agartala

4108. SHRI SUDHIR RANJAN MAJUMDAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that he had announced about two years back that the location survey for extension of the Railway line up to Agartala would be started shortly;

(b) whether the location survey has been undertaken;

(c) if not, reasons therefor;

(d) whether it has been taken up, if so, what is the progress;

(e) how long it will take to complete the survey;